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EXPORT AND IMPORT OF PROCESSED VALUE / ADDED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum and value of processed/value added agricultural products exported and imported during each of the last three years and the current year, country and variety-wise;

(b) the country`s share in world export of processed/value added agricultural products along with the share of States therein, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether there has been decline in export and rise in import of such products during the said period due to shortage of such products in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the other reasons for gap in its export and import; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to boost export of such products and check waste of perishable products in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) The quantum and value of processed/value added agricultural products exported and imported during the years 2011-12 to 2013-14 and 2014-15 (Apr-Dec) is at Annexure I and II respectively. Country wise details (top 5) in respect of export and import of top 5 such commodities/products is at Annexure − III & IV respectively. Variety wise data is not maintained.

(b) Data on India share in world export of processed/value added agricultural products is not maintained. State/UT wise and variety wise details of such exports are also not maintained centrally.

(c & d) Export and import of agricultural commodities including processed and value added agricultural products depends on various factors including availability of surplus over and above the domestic requirement, international demand and supply situation, quality standards, varieties traded and price competitiveness etc.

(e) APEDA under the administrative control of the Department of Commerce is implementing various schemes to extend financial assistance to the eligible exporters registered with it to boost the overall agri products exports. Besides these measures, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry has put in place various schemes namely Market Development Assistance (MDA), Market Assistance Initiative (MAI), Assistance to states for Developing Export Infrastructure and Allied Activities (ASIDE), Vishesh Krishi and Gram Upaj Yojna (VKGUY), Focus Product Scheme, Focus Market Scheme, Town of Export Excellence etc. to provide assistance to encourage exports in general. Trade delegations are also mounted to penetrate foreign markets and Buyer-Seller Meets are also organized to assist potential exports.